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1. Fifty-seven take-offs and landings were done with about 20 single-engine aircraft at the DESSAU (N 52/E 06) airfield between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. The pilots changed after each flight.

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2. The following motor vehicle [redacted] were seen near the quartering buildings occupied by the field unit:

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passenger car, occupied by a colonel wearing silver epaulets  
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Construction work was being done on some quartering buildings.

3. By order of the ZERBST Kommandatura, published in the press, the ZERBST airfield was declared off limits.

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4. About fifty-five single-engine aircraft, including some with radial engines and others with in-line engines and cranked wings, were parked at the field.

5. A large concrete mixer was in operation at the field. According to a worker, the debris between the railroad line and the landing field on the southern edge of the field was to be removed or leveled.

6. The trucks [redacted] were ob- 25X1C served at the field.

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a. The occupation by a fighter unit is known from previous reports. According to the repeatedly counted number of aircraft, one fighter regiment is probably stationed at the field. From the statement in para 4 that aircraft with in-line engines and cranked wings were also allegedly at the field it is considered possible that, besides IAs, IL-10s were also stationed there on the day of observation. It is probable that aircraft of the KOLTHEN ground attack regiment were temporarily stationed at the DESSAU airfield.

25X1C b. From the motor vehicle [REDACTED] the fighter unit cannot be identified. According to previous information, the fighter unit had been stationed in BRANDIS or KOLTHEN before its transfer to DESSAU.

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